

PRIZES AWARDED TO WOMEN READERS HELPFUL HINTS ON BEAUTY AND FASHION

THE PASSING OF THE DEADLY FEATHER DUSTER

Apparently Harmless but Scattering Bacteria in Its Wake, This Household Object Is Gradually Disappearing—New Motors Luxuriously Furnished

A FEW years more and the picturesque feather duster will be no more. Time was when no play, problem or otherwise, could properly be opened without the assistance of a petite French maid with an Irish accent gracefully wielding a harmless-looking feather duster over the immaculate furnishings, and when no bride's go-to-homesleeping outfit was complete without one of these deadly contraptions.

Most women have learned that the feather duster, far from removing the dust, merely scatters it, and that the bacteria-laden particles which were harmless enough when lying quiet become dangerous when lifted up and scattered around to be breathed in by their children, and so they have replaced the object with the less ornate but far more sanitary dampened dustcloth. But there are many unenlightened, and among these a crusade of cleanliness should certainly be waged.

Every morning I have occasion to pass the stand of an Italian fruit vender, and invariably the unkempt individual who keeps it is lazily engaged in the business of brushing up. I find him, bedraggled feather duster in hand, going over the penny chocolate bars, pretzels, apples, peaches, newspapers and magazines, all receiving the same whisking over with this horrible looking germ-laden whisk.

And then, later in the day, one sees these same pieces of chocolate and pretzels being consumed by children employed in the neighborhood.

IT IS not enough that eminent designers are engaged in producing the modern musical comedy. Now the motorcar comes in for its share of interior decoration at the hands of widely-known artists.

Two Dollars Given for a Letter Every Day

BEGINNING today a prize of Two Dollars (\$2) will be given each day to a reader of the Woman's Page of the Evening Ledger. There are no conditions. Every day a letter will be chosen from the number sent in, whether it contains information of value to the readers of the page or asks a question, and the prize will be awarded to the writer. Be sure to sign your name and address so that checks may be forwarded.

For years they have been growing more and more luxurious, but this season surpass anything ever attempted before. The interior of the new car is decorated carefully with a view to the tastes of its occupant. The woodwork is of inlaid mahogany, the floors richly carpeted, the windows curtained with silk in ladylike colors and shades and a lounging pillow of eiderdown and silk provided, not to mention the hassock, the clock and, last but not least, in modern woman's estimation, the concealed toilette appliances and smoking outfit—which of them is first in importance one cannot say.

WHAT with Mr. Sothorn last week in an offering far removed from any of the productions with which he is usually identified, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree this week in "The Old Folks at Home" (as it is possible) we may expect the early appearance of Sir Johnstone Forbes-Robertson in "Way Down East" or something equally suitable.

MY MARRIED LIFE

By ADELE GARRISON

A Tense Moment

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AN OLD QUERY—OUGHT THE WIFE DUTIFULLY TO OBEY HUSBAND?

Episcopal Convention's Refusal to Eliminate the Word From Marriage Service Arouses Inquiry of Deep Import

Dr. Max Goepf Recommends Boxing as Aid to Womanly Self-Control—Mrs. Ripplin Noncommittal in Answering Query

By M'LISS

Should we who are about to be married promise to obey?

When our lord and master says unto us: "It is better to do your marketing on Tuesday instead of Wednesday," shall we reply with graceful docility, bending the neck humbly meekly: "Yes, my spouse, it shall be done as you have ordered?"

When he advises us in dictatorial tones: "Hereafter you shall wear blue, you look even as a lemon in pink, and also sailor hats become you not. I shall expect to see you henceforth in turban," do we acquiesce meekly and array ourselves forever afterward to blue and turban?

It remains to be seen.

In the meantime the old, old question of whether or not a woman should obey her husband has been revived by the recent decision of the Episcopal church to keep the word "obey" in the marriage ceremony.

Further agitation is provided by the organization of a band of young women into a society for the purpose of studying self-control. Most unsuccessful marriages, they hold, are due directly to the fact that women have no power of restraint; they "fly off the handle" at the slightest provocation. The members expect to be worthy candidates for wifehood when they have completed the course.

"They should take up boxing," said Dr. Max Goepf of 124 South Eighteenth street, when I put the question of woman's lack of self-control squarely up to him. "Nothing so steadies the nerves and teaches a man to keep his temper down as sparring. All athletics are good. If women have a greater lack of self-control than men it is because they are not so athletic. Also the majority of them have not had the discipline of the business world, which is excellent for teaching a person to keep himself in hand."

Let us box, then, so that when it comes to the matrimonial sparring, we shall not be the ones to lose our heads.

But while this club of young women prepares itself for ideal wifehood, consider the obedient wife.

Do you know that she is as rare as a day in June or a vegetarian dog? Have you ever met an obedient wife? In Shakespeare, well, yes; Petrarcho does succeed in taming Katherine to the point of abject obedience, but he had to starve her and terrorize her with a whip in order to reduce her to that state of submission. And as in the way with plays, there's no following them on and on. You have to accept the author's assertion "that they lived happily forever afterward." How do we know that Katherine didn't get back at Petrarcho by putting chloro in his coffee, or something devilish like that?

But, anyway, I made a quest for a real, true-to-life obedient wife and couldn't find one. I found wives who disobeyed their husbands surreptitiously and wives who disobeyed them flagrantly; I found husbands who obeyed their wives and husbands who disobeyed their wives; but a wife who said "even so" to



MRS. JANE D. RIPPIN

all of her husband's mandates was not discoverable in Philadelphia.

Then I visited Mrs. Jane Deeter Ripplin, who has charge of the Domestic Relations Court at City Hall, and to whose office come daily hundreds of men and women to get their matrimonial affairs untangled.

"Are so many women unhappy because they refuse to obey their husbands?" I asked her.

"No," she replied; "I prefer not to comment on the action of the church, but men and women today do not regard the obedience clause seriously. I do not know any men who expect their wives to obey them."

Nor do I; nor any woman who would not laugh to scorn such an expectation.

Making a Jelly Bag

This is the season when many women are putting up jellies, and so the following directions for making a jelly bag are especially in order.

Take three-quarters of a yard of white flannel and make a bias bag. This is done by taking the flannel on the bias, sewing the bottom and side together to a point, cutting it even on top and hem, then sewing a string on each end of the hem, so that it forms a bag with one end on the back of a chair and the other end on a table; tie the bag on to the broom, in the center, so that it hangs between the table and the chair, set a bowl underneath the bag, then pour in the jelly. Pour that which runs through first back again into the bag; repeat this once or twice more until the jelly runs through, fill it into a mold and set either on ice or in a cool place.

Home-Made Pork Sausage

To one and one-half pounds of pork, chopped fine, add one and one-half pounds of bread crumbs, milk enough to moisten, one egg, pepper and salt to taste. Mix well, make into small cakes and fry.

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TODAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Many recipes for jellies and candies use the expression "gelling a three-quarter cup of boiling water." What does this mean and how can one determine whether the mixture has reached this stage or not?

2. What monogram should be used on presents for a bride?

3. Is there any exercise that can be taken to reduce the size of the waist without reducing the rest of the body?

4. A woman wearing evening dress wears no head covering in going to and from a function. What material is best to use for such a head covering? Should it be made of silk or some other material? Should it be made of a single piece or of two pieces? Should it be made of a single piece or of two pieces?

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HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Suggestions for the Cooky Jar

WHAT is so attractive to the eyes of the small persons of the household as the big, round, glass jars, each filled with some different kind of cookie? They are not only attractive to the eyes, but they are also useful. They are useful in that they keep the cookies fresh and they are useful in that they are easy to use.

DATE COOKIES

One cupful of butter, one and three-quarter cupfuls of brown sugar, three-quarter cupful of oatmeal, two cupfuls of oatmeal, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-half cupful minced dates and chopped nuts.

ALMOND SOUP

The ingredients required are a quarter of a pound of almonds, ground, one quart of milk, two cloves and a blade of mace, one large onion, two ounces of butter, salt and pepper and one tablespoonful of cornstarch. Place the milk in a saucepan with the cloves stuck in the onion and the blade of mace. Allow it to simmer gently for half an hour. Remove the onion and mace and smooth the ground almonds and cornstarch into the milk. Stir this into the milk and heat gradually until slightly thick. Fried or toasted shippets should be served with the soup.

TRUTH

As in seven tints of variegated light Breaks the lone shimmer of the lucid white; As the seven tints that paint the Iris bow Into the lucid white dissolving flow— So Truth in many-colored splendor plays— Now on one luster gathering every beam, And floods the World with light—a single Stream!

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